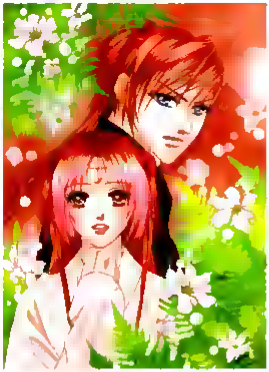


PreFace:

I like the characters in 'Fantastic Tales' very much. Other than the reason that they are all created and drawn by myself, it is because that I like people with such personalities as well. Not any one of them owns a perfect personality. For example, Moyi's coldness, Jie-er's avarice for wealth, etc.. They are all changing gradually due to the ambient friendship, or due to the power of love. Perhaps it is because humans are such emotional creatures that make them [the characters] so susceptible to others around them.

I'm thrilled to re-ignite this work of mine, and I will keep drawing as I hold this gratitude at heart. I would like for everyone to please continue our new journey with Moyi and the gang!

Fantastic Tales

The prelude to the adventure is the fate-altering encounter

Chaos disturbs Zhong-Yuan as Heidi, the Black Emperor, usurps the throne, yet the rest of wulin* is as serene as an ocean without ripples. Having left Hua Yuan Shan* to attend a martial arts congress, Xin Moyi and Xu Xuan soon make acquaintance with Yue Ling Long, a young girl from Moyue Shan.* She, who will change Moyi's cold-heartedness, will also change the two worlds...*

A fantastical adventure of martial-chivalry is about to unfold...

*Note.
Middle Plain
The Martial World / The World of the Martial Arts
Hua Yuan Shan School
literally means "Hua Yuan Mountain" or "Chinese Plum Mountain" - presumably a sword school
Mo Yue Shan School
literally means "Mo Yue Mountain" or "Devil Moon Mountain"

ISBN 986 11 5101 X
TC21301

A petite personal profile of I-Huan

Born on October 19th
Type B Libra
Likes pale brown color (coffee), flour-based food, videogames, etc
And she really wants to go travelling...
Previous published works
'The Love of Xuan He Era' Volume 1-5 Complete
'El espiritu del mar' Volume 1-9 Complete
'Galaxy Lover' Volume 1 Complete
'Divine Moon Blade' Volume 1-3
'Real Fake Princess' Volume 1-5 Complete
New Work - 'Divine Melody' Volume 1-2 & ongoing
New Work - 'Fantastic Tales' Volume 1-2 published in Margaret biweekly & ongoing

I-Huan's personal website:
http://www.ihuan.idv.tw
E-mail address:
ihuan@ms112000.com.tw

Fantastic Tales vol 01 ch1a

Credits

Scanned by Vanity
Edited by Shiroma and Selene
Translated by Chocokitty
QC by Chocokitty and Selene

Presented by Selene_scans
www.selene-scans.net
#Selene_scans@irc.highway.com

Fantastic Tales

星月幻境

ADVENTURES IN FANTASY

SAKUTI

I, Huan

Translator's Notes: Names of the characters are transliterated whereas all the other terms may be freely rendered in an approximation of their literal translations, hence the interchanging between the two. However when necessary, I will attempt to provide the reader with explanations in hope to avoid confusion.

Fantastic Tales 星月幻境

SCROLL 1: ADVENTUROUS PRELUDE

TABLE OF CONTENTS

ACT 1
THE PRELIMINARY CHALLENGER APPRAISAL AT FEIXI* VILLA 3

ACT 2
DAOYUE* INN 73

ACT 3
THE CITY OF YANG 123

SPECIAL PROJECT
I-HUAN'S LAIR OF STARS AND MOONS 173

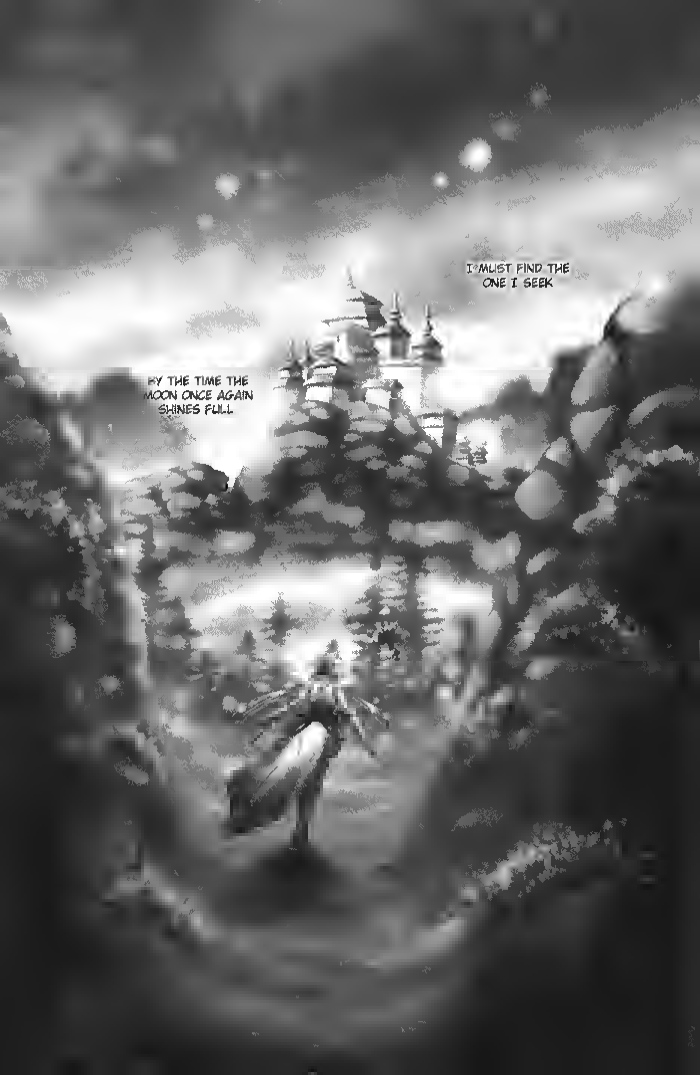
TN: FEIXI - LITERALLY "CRIMSON CREEK VILLA," ALTHOUGH THE "CRIMSON" SHOULD BE LIKEN MORE TO THE HUE OF GLOWING SUNSET OR BLUSH

DAOYUE | IN THIS CONTEXT, THERE ARE TWO POSSIBLE TRANSLATIONS FOR THE NAME OF THE INN. DAO-LE WHICH ROUGHLY TRANSLATES TO "JOYFUL WAY," AND DAO-YUE WHICH ROUGHLY TRANSLATES TO "MELODIC PATH." PRONUNCIATION-WISE, THE ONE I HAD WOULD BE A BETTER CHOICE, I SUPPOSE, WHILE DAO-LE IS MORE CONVENTIONAL MEANING-WISE

星月幻境
Fantastic Tales
FROM THIS NIGHT ONWARD...
THERE WILL BE TIME TILL THE ENDLESS MOON TO FIND HIM...

Act 1

THE PRELIMINARY CHALLENGER
AN APPRAISAL AT FEIXI VILLA


I MUST FIND THE ONE I SEEK
BY THE TIME THE MOON ONCE AGAIN SHINES FULL

FEIXI VILLA
LORD FENG,
I PRESENT THESE TWO AS THE DELEGATES OF MY SCHOOL
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ENLIGHTEN US
YOU MUST ALL BE WEARY COMING FROM AFAR
PLEASE RETIRE FOR REST

SUCH FANCY GIFTS BARE THEIR OWN WEAKNESS, HENCE THEIR ULTERIOR MOTIVE TO BRIBE YOU
AN OBSERVATION DERIVED FROM THEIR OFFERINGS
HISSSS
CONTEMPTUOUSLY
THAT MAN WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SUFFER A LOSS TOMORROW
HOW SO?
THE TRI-YEARLY FORMAL MARTIAL ARTS CONGRESS SHALL SOON FOLLOW AFTER THE PRELIMINARY CHALLENGER APPRAISAL
THIS LIST OF WULIN HEROES SHALL TOO UNDERGO CHANGES THEREAFTER
SUCH SHARP EYES!
HAHAHA! TRULY THE DAUGHTERS OF THE FENG FAMILY!

IN ZHENG'S NAME IS CHINESE FOR 'YOTE' OR 'ZITHER' & ZITHER-LIKE INSTRUMENTS
IT SEEMS TO ME HOWEVER, THAT SOME MARTIAL MASTERS ARE ROUGHLY EQUAL IN SKILL,
MAKING IT HARD TO DETERMINE THE BEST!
FENG ZHENG
IN OUR EYES THERE'S NO SUCH TERM AS 'ROUGHLY EQUAL.'
TO THE WORLD, FEIXI VILLA IS THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF EVALUATION FOR ALL SCHOOLS AND SYSTEMS, OF WHICH NONE IS WILLING TO ADMIT INFERIORITY.
TO DISTINGUISH THE FINE DIFFERENCES IN SKILL IS THE TASK PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENER TION IN OUR FAMILY.
BY THEN, WHO IS TO FORESEE WHICH NEW NAMES WILL SHINE,
AND WHICH SCHOOL WILL PROVE SUPERIOR AMONGST ALL?

AFFAIRS AMONGST MAN
NEVER GO WITHOUT A FINAL JUDGEMENT
HOWEVER, THE DEFINITION OF THAT JUDGEMENT
DIFFERS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL

WHICH ONE OF US IS CUTER?
THEN, BETWEEN FENG ZHENG AND FENG LING,
IS THERE TRUTH IN WHAT YOU SPEAK ABOUT THAT DIFFERENCES DO EXIST IN THE AFFAIRS OF MAN?
REGARDING YOUR FORMER STATEMENT
BOTH EQUAL IN LOVELINESS!
NOT TO SAY ALSO YOU ARE BOTH MY DARLING LITTLE SISTERS!
YOU ARE IDENTICAL TWINS AND
BROTHER BAN SHENG!
TWO YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE OUR LAST MEETING
AT LAST THE SCHOOL OF HUA SHAN SHAN HAS SENT THAT MAN TO PARTAKE IN THE MARTIAL ARTS CONGRESS
HEHE! I AM DYING FROM ANXIETY!
SIGH... I DO HAVE A LIST OF WULIN BEAUTIES IN PRIVATE. PERHAPS YOU TWO WILL CHANCE TO BE ON THE LIST AFTER SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS
Not in your wildest dreams!
Brother Ban Sheng surely prefers me over you!
YES. THAT MAN SHOULD BE HERE SOON

THUD
THUD
THUD
OH, NO. I WAS SO RIVETED IN THE TRAINING THAT I BECAME OBLIVIOUS TO THE TIME!
SENIOR BROTHER MUST BE FURIOUS!

BUMP
OH! MY APOLOGIES.
HEY, BOY! HAVE YOU NO EYES FOR WALKING?
HUH? EY THE LOOKS OF HIM.
COULD THIS BOY ALSO BE ATTENDING THE PRELIMINARY CHALLENGER APPRAISAL AT FEIXI VILLA?
GRAB
INCONCEIVABLE!
WHICH SCHOOL WOULD
SEND SUCH A CHILD?
PUNCH

SO HE IS COMING FOR THE ASSESS-MENT
IS THIS THE INVITATION FOR THE APPRAISAL?
IS FROM HUA YUAN SHAN
IT SEEMS THAT OUR BOY HERE.
MY QUALIFI-CATIONS WILL BE DISMISSED
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IF I DARE TO COUNTER-ATTACK,
GRAB
GET
DON'T WASTE OUR TIME HERE AT THE APPRAISAL!
GO CRAWLING BACK TO YOUR NURSE BOY!
BY SENDING OUT SUCH A CHILD?
DOES HUA YUAN SHAN PLAN TO RELINQUISH THE CHANCE TO ATTEND THE FORMAL MARTIAL ARTS CONGRESS THIS TERM

URGH
I CANNOT MOVE AT ALL!
IT'D TRULY BE A WASTE OF TIME...
FOR THE LIKES OF YOU TO ATTEND THE APPRAISAL!
CRASH
WHAT ARE YOU?
WHAT?
WITH ONLY ONE HAND...

XIN MOYI
OF HUA YUAN SHAN.
THE TOP PUPIL OF HUA YUAN SHAN, XIN MOYI?
YOU ARE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HU YUAN SHAN?
DAMNATIONS! LET'S GO!

THOSE RUFFIANS BACK THERE
ALL RECOILED IN FEAR AT THE SOUND OF SENIOR BROTHER'S NAME!
MY NAME IS XU XUAN
TEN-SOME DAYS AGO,
SHIFU COMMANDED FOR ME TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL TO TRAIN FOR THE MARTIAL ARTS CONGRESS
I AM TO ACCOMPANY MOYI SHIXIONG* ALSO

TN: LITERALLY "MARTIAL BROTHER" OR "SENIOR MARTIAL BROTHER." HONORIFIC USED FOR REFERRING TO THOSE WITH THE SAME MARTIAL ROLES BUT OF A HIGHER RANKING, SUCH AS ELDER SIBLINGS AND STUDENTS WITH MORE SENIORITY.

XIN MOYI SHIXIONG IS
THE ELITE STUDENT OF OUR SCHOOL
TO BE ABLE TO TRAVEL WITH MOYI SHIXIONG
IS AS IF A DREAM
MOYI SHIXIONG! WAIT FOR ME!

*N. LITERALLY, IT SHOULD BE "XIAO MOMO" OR "LITTLE MOMO"

*N. A CHINESE APHORISM

I SUPPOSE THE NAME IS XU XUAN?
HMM? IS THIS THE NOVICE DELEGATE FOR HUA YUAN SHAN?
Ha ha.
Pat pat
ADORABLE INDEED!
GREAT HEROES TRULY DO RISE FROM TALENTED YOUTHS.*

I AM FENG BAN SHENG GOVERNOR OF CRIMSON CREEK VILLA
RETIRE EARLY TODAY SO THAT YOU MAY HAVE STRENGTH FOR TOMORROW
I WELCOME YOU HERE TO THE CLIFF OF COOLING BREEZES*
YES!
TN: IN CHINESE: "LIANG FENG SHI YAN"
DISTANCE YOURSELF AWAY FROM ME!
Nobody would ever want to hang here
a warm hug would do!
THE APPRAISAL IS TOMORROW...
IT WILL BE MY FIRST STEP ENTERING WUDIU THE WORLD OF MARTIAL ARTS
TAKE NOTE THAT I WILL BE RESTING WITH MOMO IN THE SAME ROOM TONIGHT!
LING, ZHENG ESCORT HIM TO THE GUEST CHAMBERS
To reminisce the good old times from our years ago.
YES, SIR!
SORRY FOR THE TROUBLES.

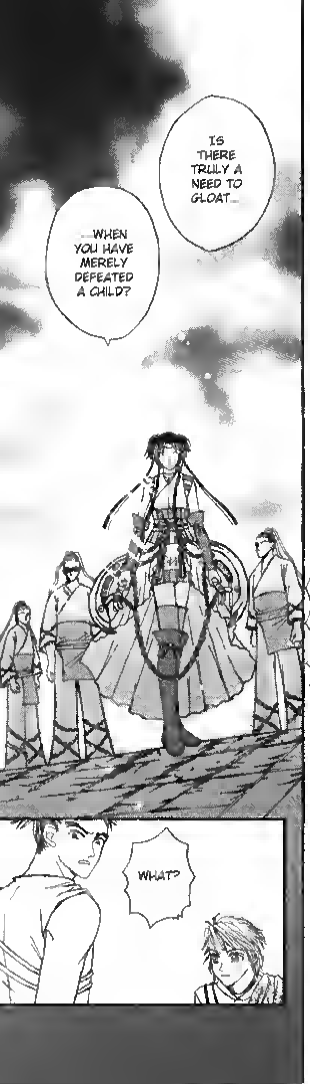
TN: LITERALLY IN CHINESE, JIANG-HU MEANS "RIVERS-LAKES." A METAPHORIC TERM DESIGNATING TO WHAT IS KNOWN AS "THE UNDERWORLD," OR "THE WORLD OF VAGRANTS." IT IS USED TO THE WORLD OF SECRET SOCIETIES AND WANDERING BEAUTY.

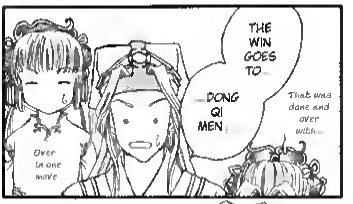
FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE GRAND TRI-YEARLY FORMAL MARTIAL ARTS CONGRESS
PRELIMINARY CHALLENGER APPRAISALS ARE TO BE HELD ACROSS THE LAND AS PREPARATION
DELEGATES FROM EACH SCHOOL WILL TEST THEIR SKILLS IN FRIENDLY MATCHES,
WHICH ARE HELD ESPECIALLY SO THAT NEW TALENTS WHO ARE YET CALLOW TO THE WORLD OF JIANG-HU MAY TRY THEIR WORTH.

NEVERTHELESS...
I SHALL GIVE IT MY ALL!
NOW COMMENCES THE FEIXI VILLA PRE-LIMINARY CHALLENGER APPRAISAL!

SUCH POOR SKILLS! HOW CAN THAT COUNT AS A WIN?
EVEN WE ARE MUCH MORE COMPETENT!!
MIND YOU NOT TO SPEAK SO BOLDLY!
IN ALL FAIRNESS HOWEVER
I DO SENSE THERE'S A THING AMISS.

TN: QI MEN- EAST GRAND GATE
THE MATCH NOW BEGINS!
REPRESENTING DONG QI MEN* IS RONG TI!
Do be so kind as to instruct me of the proper ways, !!
OH?
NEXT UP IS XU XUAN FROM HUA YUAN SHAN!
TN: AN EXTRA-MOIEST EXPRESSION MUCH LIKE 'DOOZO YOROSHIKU ONEGAITASHIMASU' IN JAPANESE
DO MY BEST!
I MUST
CLASH!
CLANK!


IS THERE TRULY A NEED TO GLOAT...
...WHEN YOU HAVE MERELY DEFEATED A CHILD?
WHAT?


THE WIN GOES TO...
...DONG QI MEN.
That was done and over with...
Over in one move

DOES HUA YUAN SHAN MEAN TO SLIGHT ME BY APPOINTING SUCH AN INEXPERIENCED SUCKLING AS MY ADVERSARY?
YOU DREAM OF PROCLAIMING YOURSELF AT THIS LEVEL?
YOU'VE NEVER WEIGHED YOUR WORTH!
RETURN AND TRAIN FOR TEN MORE YEARS BEFORE YOU DARE CLAIM YOURSELF ACCOMPLISHED IN THE ART!

End of Fantastic Tales vol 01 ch 1a

Fantastic Tales vol 01 ch16

Credits

Scanned by Vanity
Edited by Selene
Translated by Chocokitty
QC by Chocokitty and Selene

Presented by Selene_scans
www.selene-scans.net
#Selene_scans@irc.highway.com

THAT'S ABSURD! I HAVE TO ENTERTAIN A DUCKLING OF A GIRL.
AFTER A CHILDS PLAY?
THEN LET US PLAY A ROUND!
Swing!

OF COURSE SHOULD THERE BE ANYONE WILLING TO LET ME BREAK HIS NECK.
I MAY TELL HIM ALSO
I REVEAL THAT TO THE VICTOR ALONE
YOU
WHICH SCHOOL OR SECT DO YOU BELONG TO?
IT IS PERFECTLY FINE IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO DISCLOSE YOUR NAME CHARMING LITTLE MISS
HOWEVER, SINCE YOU HAVE JOINED THIS PRELIMINARY APPRAISAL YOU MUST HEAR THE RULING FOR THAT MATCH
PARDON ME,
BUT THE ONE WHO MAKES THE RULING IS HUMBLY YOURS I FENG RAN SHENG!
A nymph indeed! I shall have to change the order on my list.
IF THAT PLEASES YOU
IS THE VERDICT NOT CLEAR ENOUGH?

HUH?
CLEAR ENOUGH, I SUPPOSE.
YOU LOST
SO IT SEEMS. THAT LORD FENG WISHES FOR ME TO PROCURE MORE EVIDENCE...
TO PROVE WHATEVER SKILLS THERE MAY BE IN THESE INEPT SCUMS?
INSOLENT MAID!
YOU DARE TO INSULT US!

IF NOT SCUMS YOURSELVES.
THEN DEFEAT ME!
ALLOW I OF SHENG SHU SHAN* TO TEACH YOU A LESSON!
YOU BRAZEN LASS!
*LITERALLY "SAINTLY SHU MOUNTAIN," OF WHICH THE SHU CAN BE SEEN AS AN ALTERNATIVE NAME FOR A PROVINCE IN CHINA OR AS TITLES FOR ANCIENT KINGDOMS SUCH AS SHUHAN
BANG!
EVEN SO.
I STILL CANNOT RULE YOU VICTORIOUS.

YOU STILL LOSE!
IS THAT SO?
YOU LOSE!
YOU LOSE!
DAMN
URGGG..

I'm guilty of undeserved praise ♥
YOU WOULD STILL NOT FEEL TRIUMPHANT, WOULD YOU NOT?
EVEN IF YOU DEFEAT ALL THE CHALLENGERS PRESENT...

HEARD TELL THAT THE FAIREST JUDGE RESIDES IN FEIXI VILLA
HOW ADMIRABLE ARE THE STANDARDS IN SUCH EVALUATIONS!

HEY! THE BLOKE STANDING OVER THERE!
IT'S YOUR TURN!

THAT CAN ONLY BE REALIZED AFTER I DEFEAT EVERYONE HERE

WHOA! THAT FELLOW IS NOT ONE TO BE SO LIGHTLY TAMPERED WITH!
I HAVE NO NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRE-LIMINARY EVALUATION
NOR HAVE I TIME TO SPARE TO INDULGE IN A CHILD'S PLAY
OH, REALLY?
O, YOU ARE WORSE THAN THESE SCUMS
OH, NO... HE'S PIQUED.

AND YOUR WEAPONS?
WHAT KIND OF WEAPONS WOULD I NEED
WHEN PLAYING WITH WEE CHILDREN?
THIS FELLOW WILL NOT GO GENTLE WITH THE LADIES!
CLEARLY MOMO IS PROVOKED!
I DISLIKE THIS ATTITUDE OF YOURS WHEN SPEAKING

HUH?
ONE
SHOOSH!
WHOOSH!
THIS MAN IS FAST IN HIS MOVES!
Hiya!
TWO.

SOMEONE ABLE TO SURPASS MY SPEED!
I HAVE YET TO MEET
EVER SINCE MY DESCENT FROM THE MOUNTAIN...
HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

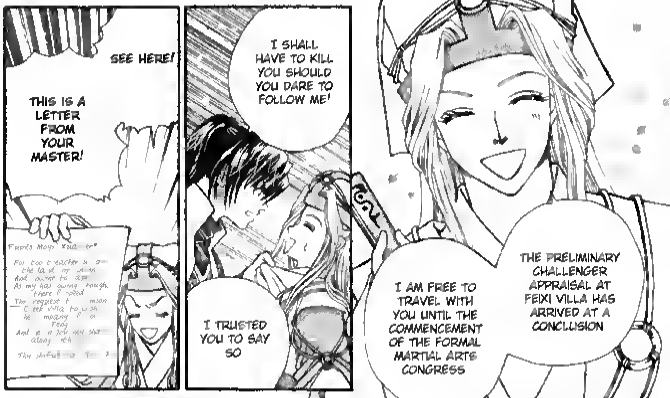
THREE
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE OPPORTUNITY JUST THEN TO BREAK YOUR BACKBONE
YOU WOULD HAVE DIED THRICE
SINCE YOU HAVE BESTED ME
IT IS ONLY FAIR TO GIVE YOU A REWARD
WAIT!
THIS MAN

!

TN 1: THE CHINESE HAS DIFFERENT CONNOTATIONS AND DENOTATIONS SUCH AS "CLEAR & CLEVER," "DELICATE & MAGNANIMOUS" (OR SOUND TRUE OF SUBSTANCE) AND "TINY & GRACEFUL FIGURE."
I AM YUE LING LONG*
OF MO YUE SHAN.*
TN 2: LITERALLY "DEVIL MOON MOUNTAIN"
MAY WE MEET AGAIN!
DO NOT FORGET ME
MOU! SHIXIONG!
HO HO! HOW INTERESTING!
THIS PARTICULAR EPISODE WOULD ALLOW ME TO MAKE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS WORTH OF ANECDOTES OFF OF HIM.

THOSE CHALLENGERS WHO PRIDE THEMSELVES WITH THE TALENTS OF THEIR SCHOOLS
ARE SO INFURIATED AND SHAMED BY THEIR LOSS TO THAT ANONYMOUS GIRL
THAT IT HAS SUCCEEDED IN KINDLING A FLAMING DESIRE FOR TRIUMPH IN EACH OF THEM
DO YOU NOT SEE?
THAT WOMAN OBVIOUSLY CAME TO CAUSE DISRUPTION!
WHY DID BROTHER BAN SHENG NOT REMOVE HER?
SO VERY INTRIGUING INDEED.
WHY, THEN, DID BROTHER BAN SHENG PERSIST IN DECLARING SHE LOSE?
IT IS BECAUSE SHE DID NOT COME HERE TO REST THE CHALLENGERS.
BUT TO FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN REST HER INSTEAD
THE DEFINITION OF THE JUDGEMENT
TRULY DIFFERS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL!

FOR SEVEN YEARS HAS MO YUE SHAN BEEN SECLUDED FROM THE MARTIAL WORLD...
HOWEVER
WHY REAP- PEAR NOW?
YOU ARE LEAVING WITH US?
WHAT?


SEE HERE!
THIS IS A LETTER FROM YOUR MASTER!
I SHALL HAVE TO KILL YOU SHOULD YOU DARE TO FOLLOW ME!
I TRUSTED YOU TO SAY SO
I AM FREE TO TRAVEL WITH YOU UNTIL THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FORMAL MARTIAL ARTS CONGRESS
THE PRELIMINARY CHALLENGER APPRAISAL AT FEIXI VILLA HAS ARRIVED AT A CONCLUSION

THIS KNAVE
THIS LETTER IS BY YOUR MASTER'S TRUE HAND!
Shifu!
This request to Crimson Creek Villa to which The Company of Lord Feng And he on journey shall along with you
Thy Shifu* Yan Dao Ri
Mine Pupils Mugs Kwan-er*
For too treacherous are the lands of water, And Incline to caprice - As my harrowing thought thereat spreads
IN A SPECIAL SUFFIX MAINLY IN FEMALE NAMES THAT IS SIMILAR TO THE -CO IN JAPANESE, WHICH MEANS GIRL. WHILE -ER/ER IS USUALLY LIMITED TO THOSE OF YOUNGER AGE AND IMPLIES CERTAIN LEVEL AFFINITY BETWEEN THE CALLER AND RECIPIENT AND IMMATURITY OF THE LATTER
IN CHINESE FOR MASTER.

PERCHANCE LUCK MAY HAVE IT THAT I TOO WILL FROM A BEAUTY BE OFFERED A KISS!
THIS POOR LAD HERE HAS STAYED IN THE MOUNTAINS FOR TWO YEARS SOME AND NOW WISHES TO GO OUT FOR A BREATHER.
I AM CONVERSANT WITH THE INTRICACIES OF WUL.IN AFFAIRS AND MAY VERY WELL BE A GREAT ASSET TO YOU IN MANY THINGS!
O DISDAIN ME NOT MOMO!

IS THAT MAN THE ONE WE HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR?
MYLADY
I'M NOT QUITE SURE EITHER
THAT IS NOT
TOO GOOD OF A THING...

IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT THEN
I WAS ONCE TOO CARE-LESS
HOWEVER
I WISH TO TAKE A GAMBLE
SENIOR BROTHER!
XIN MOYI!
STRUCK BY POISON!

YET, I WAS NEGLIGENT OF THE POSSIBILITY TO CONTRACT THEIR POISON
DEVIL MOON MOUNTAIN... A SCHOOL RECOGNIZED FOR ITS ART IN CONCOCTING POISON

MY LORD YOUR SERVANT SHALL HUMBLY BE EXCUSED
VERY WELL THANKS FOR THE TROUBLES
MOYI SHIXIONG
THE POISON IS NOT SERIOUS
MOMO IS FINE
THAT FELLOW WILL NOT DIE SO EASILY
LET US TAKE OUR LEAVE
WHAT AN ADORABLE SLUMBERING COUNTENANCE HE HAS!
I'VE NEVER SEEN IT!
Is not Senior Brother in a coma...?

MO YUE SHAN HAS BEEN SECLUDED FROM THE WULIN WORLD FOR MANY YEARS
IT IS NO WONDER MOMO TOO OVERLOOKED THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING POISONED
Moreover it was committed by such a nymph
MO YUE SHAN?
WHY, LITTLE BROTHER, YOU ARE TRULY STILL GREEN TO THE MARTIAL WORLD!
You've never heard!
THERE ARE YET MANY THINGS JUST WAITING FOR YOU TO UNCOVER THEM!
HEADMASTER YAN DID CHOOSE YOU, NONETHELESS.
AS THE DELEGATE OF HUA YUAN SHAN, THEREFORE YOU MUST POSSESS SOME UNIQUE TALENT
Sparkle Sparkle
MY FORTE?
IT WOULD PROBABLY BE...
WHAT IS YOUR HIDDEN FORTE?
SHARE IT WITH ME IN SECRET!
COOKING!
AND SO... I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY SHIFU
WISHED FOR ME TO ATTEND THE MARTIAL ARTS CONGRESS.
That may be why he wants to attend the martial arts congress
SHIFU IS ESPECIALLY FOND OF MY COOKING EVEN MO YI SHIXIONG EATS UP EVERY BITE!
HA HA! REALLY?

I WOULD ONLY BRING SHAME TO HUA YUAN SHAN IF I PROLONG MY PARTICIPATION IN THE PRELIMINARY APPRAISAL
I WAS DEFEATED WITHIN ONE MOVE IN THE FIRST EVALUATION
IT IS TRUE THAT I STILL REQUIRE TEN MORE YEARS OF TRAINING BEFORE I MASTER THE ART
YOU THINK TOO MUCH, XU XUAN!
YOUR MASTER MUST HAVE HIS OWN REASONS FOR CHOOSING YOU
That old knave is unusually cunning.
LORD FENG?
REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER YOUR MASTER'S THOUGHTS MAY BE
YOU WILL NOT HAVE ANY REGRETS AS LONG AS YOU PERFORM IN ALL YOUR BEST
ONLY IF YOU GIVE UP NOW
WILL YOU TRULY BRING DISGRACE TO CHINESE PLAIN MOUNTAIN

SQUEAK
MANY THANKS, LORD FENG, FOR THE REMINDER!
NO MATTER WHAT EXPECTATIONS SHIFU HAVE FOR ME,
I SHALL GIVE IT MY ALL!
I WILL DEFINITELY DO MY BEST!
HA HA! WHAT A SIMPLE CHILD YOU ARE
I SHALL CALL YOU XIAO* XUAN FROM NOW ON
I'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO YOU!

*N. JIUO SHEN YIN OR MIND-ENTRANCING GAS. AS IT NAME INDICATES IT'S A GAS- OR SUBSTANCE THAT INDUCES IN TRIGGERING HYPNOTIC SYMPTOMS SUCH AS STRESS CAPTIVATION, DELUSION AND CONFUSION.

AS LONG AS YOU DO MY BIDDING
YOU WILL NOT SUFFER NEEDLESSLY.
IF NOT, THOUGH ACCOMPLISHED IN THE ARTS AS YOU ARE, YOU TOO, WILL ULTIMATELY LOSE YOUR MIND.

I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE ONE WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR
THEREFORE...
I WISH FOR YOU TO LEAVE HUA YUAN SHAN
TO JOIN US
FOR US OF MO YUE SHAN, WE ARE A SCHOOL PROMINENT IN OUR ART OF MAKING POISON
SUCH IS THE CASE THAT ALL WE ARE IN LACK OF ARE THOSE ADEPTS AT MARTIAL ARTS
NOW...
OUR PLAN MADE US IN WANT OF A MARTIAL MASTER.
THAT IS MY SOLE PURPOSE FOR LEAVING MO YUE SHAN

LORD FENG, WHY ARE YOU LEAVING WITH US?
IS IT ALRIGHT TO ABANDON THE BUSINESS OF THE VILLA?
HA HA! YOU HAVE A LOOK AT THIS FIRST.
DAY AND NIGHT THESE MEN RECEIVE AND SEND MESSAGES FROM THE TRANSMISSION ROPES
EVERY EVENT THAT EVER TRANSPIRED IN THE MARTIAL WORLD IS RECEIVED HERE
THIS IS THE REASON WHY FEIXI VILLA IS SO KNOWLEDGEABLE IN ISSUES AND INFORMATION OF LATE EVEN WHILE SITUATED AT SUCH A RECLUSIVE LOCATION HIGHLY BETWIXT IN THE MOUNTAINS!
THEY, WHO CEASELESSLY RENEW THE RECORDINGS AS NEW INFORMATION ARRIVES FROM ALL SORTS OF PLACES,
ARE UTTERLY PREOCCUPIED AT ALL TIMES!
THEY ARE ALL DOING A WONDERFUL JOB
WHICH IS WHY MY ABSENCE WILL YET TO AFFECT THE VILLA

THESE COUNTLESS INTERTWINING TRANSMISSION ROPES THAT SURROUND THE VILLA.
DOES IT NOT RESEMBLE MUCH LIKE A CAGE?
LORD FENG...
LORD FENG... IT'S TRUE THAT HE DOES POSSESS AN ECCENTRIC PERSONALITY
I AM LIKE A CANARY CONFINED IN THE CAGE!

Whoo!
Whoo!
XIN MOYI...
STOP BEING SO OBSTINATE!
JUST LEAVE HUA YUAN SHAN!
DO YOU WISH TO BECOME THEIR PAWN?
ALL ARE CONSPIRING AGAINST EACH OTHER IN A SHADOW CONFLICT FOR POWER AND PROFITS
THOSE SELF-PROCLAIMED, HAUGHTY WULIN SCHOOLS AND SECTS

LEAVE HUA YUAN SHAN!
WHEREAS WE...
ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF YOUR HELP!
GIVE ME CONSENT IN LEAVING HUA YUAN SHAN!
XIN MO!! IF YOU PERSIST IN YOUR REJECTION OF ME,
WHO ARE YOU...?
GET YOU HENCE...
YOUR CONSCIOUS WILL FALL DISASTROUSLY INTO DISORDER!

*AN ARCHAIC TERM FOR MOTHER, STILL PREVALENT IN SOME SOCIETIES.
NIANG*
HUA YUAN SHAN?
THAT PLACE OVER THERE IS...
MOVI
THAT IS HUA YUAN SHAN
HUA YUAN SHAN IS...
NIANG?

XIN MOY!...
SUCH OBSTI-NATE FOOL YOU ARE!
IT SEEMS THAT I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GIVE UP UPON YOU.
I TRULY BELIEVED THAT YOU ARE THE ONE WE ARE IN NEED OF
A GREAT SHAME INDEED!
THUS, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SECRECY
I WILL HAVE TO KILL YOU
FAREWELL, XIN MOY!

LORD FENG.
I WISH TO RETURN TO MY CARING OF SENIOR MARTIAL BROTHER.
OH YOU ARE STILL WORRIED ABOUT MOMO?
IT'S RARE THAT SOMEONE SHOULD CARE FOR HIM SO MUCH
Except for me, I suppose!

IS IT HARSH TO TRAVEL WITH MOMO?
THAT LAD IS COLD AND INDIFFERENT, NOT TO MENTION THAT ILL-MOUTH OF HIS AS WELL
HOW PITIFUL YOU MUST BE!
NOT AT ALL!
MO! SHIXIONG IS ONE WHOM ALL WE JUNIOR MARTIAL BROTHERS HAVE GREAT ADMIRATION FOR!
IT IS MY HONOR TO ACCOMPANY HIM AND TO TRAIN ALONGSIDE!
OH REALLY XIAO XUAN.
YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HIM, COULD YOU?
YOU HAVE AS EXCELLENT JUDGEMENT IN TASTE AS ♥ I!
IT.. IT ISN'T SO!
DO NOT TAKE THAT PASSIVE STONY VENEER OF MOMO'S AS IT IS
IF TRUTH BE TOLD, HE IS A PASSIONATE AND CARING PERSON AT HEART
YOU WILL COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT AFTER BEING WITH HIM FOR SOME TIME

XIN MO!..
YOU WILL NOT BE PERMIT-TED TO LIVE..
DIE!

PASSIONATE? CARING?
IT IS ENTIRELY UNIMAGINA-BLE TO ASSOCIATE THESE TERMS WITH MO! SHIXIONG!
I DID SAY THAT I AM NOT LIKE THAT TOWARDS SENIOR BROTHER..
I AM THE ONE MOMO IS FONDEST OF!
BUT XIAO XUAN, YOU HAVE TO KNOW THIS..

THAT VOICE...
Waahh!
IT ORIGINATED FROM SENIOR MARTIAL BROTHER'S ROOM!!
XIAO XUAN!
BANG!
SENIOR BROTHER!

FENG ZHENG? FENG LING?
WHAT WERE YOU TWO DOING?
LET US GO!
WAAAHH!
HOW COULD YOU! SUCH FRIVOLITY!
YOU TWO...
DUE TO SOME WORD THAT I AM TO LEAVE FEIXI VILLA WITH THEM?!
YOU PLANNED TO KILL THEM

SO IT'S TRUE THAT YOU DON'T CARE FOR US ANYMORE!
Um—
Wail
YOU'RE REFUSING US FOR THE FIRST TIME JUST BECAUSE OF THEM?!
FUMING
FUMING
ABSOLUTELY OUTRAGEOUS!
MY YOUNGER SISTERS, ACTUALLY!
THEY ARE NOT YOUR CHILDREN?
PARDON ME BUT YOU SEEM TO HAVE BEEN UNDER THE WRONG IMPRESSION
IN WHAT WAY DID YOU RAISE THESE CHILDREN?
YOU SHOULD BE GOOD AND LISTEN TO YOUR ELDERS!
Ufufufu
BROTHER BAN SHENG HAS CHANGED
TO LEAVE THE VILLA TO ITSELF!
I will beat you to death if you dare to tease again!
How terrible! It is so cruel of you to disregard all the good intentions my heart harbours for you.
I'm only seventeen years of age!
I DO NOT CARE FOR YOUR AFFAIRS
IT'S OF NO MATTER TO ME THAT XIAO XUAN WAS MISTAKEN!
BUT MOMO SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT I HAVE NOT YET MARRIED!

HOW TERRIBLY SELFISH!
YOU ARE THE MASTER OF FEIXI VILLA
MANY THINGS REQUIRE YOUR DECISION IN ORDER TO OPERATE
ONCE YOU LEAVE THE VILLA, EVERYONE WILL LOSE THEIR SUPPORT.
YOU TWO SURE ARE.
MY OLD TIEH* HE...
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE IMPORTANT TASK TIEH HAD PLACED UPON YOUR SHOULDERS?
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
* ARCHAIC BBM EDIT: EA HERE IS TYPICALLY PREVALENT IN SOME SCRIPTS. SEE IT HERE IN BBM. LIKE TO AVOID CONFUSION BETWEEN HANYU PINYIN AND ENGLISH

SO, ONCE FEIXI VILLA LOSES ITS GOVERNOR,
IT WILL CRUMBLE INTO PIECES
MOMO?
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!
BROTHER BAN SHENG IS THE SYMBOL OF FEIXI VILLA!
WE ALL NEED HIM!
YOUR DESIRE IS ONLY TO TURN HIM INTO SOMETHING THAT YOU WISH HIM TO BE
CLEARLY THE ONLY SELFISH ONES HERE ARE YOU TWO

DESPITE WHATEVER RESPONSIBILITIES HE MAY POSSIBLY HAVE
HE IS STILL ALLOWED TO CHOOSE HIS OWN PATH
HOWEVER, THIS FELLOW HERE WILL NEVER THINK SO CENTRALLY ABOUT HIMSELF ALONE.
NEEDLESS TO SAY THAT HE WILL ALSO NEVER LEAVE THE VILLA IN ABANDON
YOU TWO SHOULD HAVE HAD MORE FAITH THAN I!

They truly do resemble Father and Daughter...
OF COURSE!
YOU ARE MY PRECIOUS DARLINGS!
THEN...
BROTHER BAN SHENG MUST CERTAINLY WRITE TO US
MOU! SHIXIONG...
OUR THIRTIETH BROTHER HAS BEEN BORN
I'VE FORGOTTEN TO TELL... WORD HAS ARRIVED FROM XISHAN VILLA
WITH NIANG TO DEVOTE ALL HIS ATTENTION TO THE MAKING OF PROGENY AT XISHAN VILLA!*
FOR BURDENING ME WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VILLA AND FOR LAYING MY YOUTH TO WASTE SO THAT HE MAY BLISSFULLY RETIRE
THE BLAME IS ALL ON THAT TIEH OF MINE.
* LITERALLY "WEST MOUNTAIN VILLA"
FOR MOU! SHIXIONG TO SAY SUCH THINGS FOR LORD FENG
IT IS SO UNEXPECTED
OH HEAVENS!
BECAUSE TWINS YET AGAIN!
THIRTIETH? IS IT NOT THE TWENTY-NINTH?

WHICH IS WHY I SAY,
ALTHOUGH I AM OF FATHER AND MOTHER BORN, SOLE ONE WHO KNOWS ME TRUE IS* MOMO!
I AM DEEPLY TOUCHED!
TN: A CHINESE SAYING
CAN YOU NOT TELL, XIAO XUAN?
I'M THE ONE MOMO IS MOST FOND OF!
Never go against me on this ownership!
I cannot tell at all....
GO OFF! I DISCARD YOU!
BOTH DAY AND NIGHT WE SHALL HENCE-FORTH KEEP COMPANY
I WILL BE EVER SO SOLICITOUS TO YOU!

WHY IS IT THAT YOU'VE SUDDENLY BECAME CURED OF THE POISON?
OH, RIGHT!
I'VE FORGOTTEN TO ASK...
I, TOO.
DO NOT KNOW
ONE WHO IS NOT SO ALOOF...
IT SEEMS THAT I AM ABLE TO SENSE MOU SHIXIONG IN A NEW LIGHT
THANKS TO LORD FENG
HOWEVER,
Stop calling me like such!
Momo!
Get you back to the villa!

ONLY THAT.
I SEEMED TO HAVE HAD A DREAM.
A DREAM I HAVE LONG NOT HAD
MILADY
MILADY
LADY LING LONG?
WE NEED TO DISPOSE OF THOSE TALENTS WHO REFUSED TO TAKE OUR SIDE
WHY DID NOT MY LADY DO SO?

DO NOT ...
BACK THEN...
MESMERIZING MIST WILL LEAD THOSE WHO OBDURATELY REFUSE
TO COMPLY TO ORDERS INTO A CHAOTIC STATE OF MENTAL DELUSION
AND A SERIES OF PAINFUL MEMORIES
THIS MAN
LEAVE ME...

I HAVE YET TO REALIZE THIS
THAT SOMEONE ELSE HAS DISCOVERED...
I WISH TO
OBSERVE MORE CLOSELY
WHAT HISTORIES DOES HE HAVE?
I sense despair in the future to come...
Yes, I understand!
Let me have a beating in your big clicking tail!
Xiao Xuan, we are partners from now on!
THE OTHER SIDE OF MOXI SHIXIONG THAT IS EVER SO MORE CAREFULLY CONCEALED

Happy 2nd Anniversary
Selene_Scans!

ACT II
DAO YUE INN

Fantastic Tales vol 01 ch2

Credits

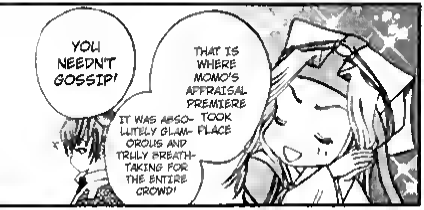
Scanned by Vanity
Edited by JOeaOky
Translated by Chocokitty
QC by Chocokitty and Selene

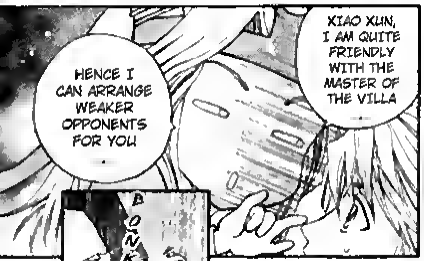
Presented by Selene_scans
www.selene-scans.net
#Selene_scans@irc.highway.com

TN: LITERALLY "SPIRITUAL STONE RIVER." KE MEANS "ADE," LIKE STONE

XIN MOYI
MOMO
TAKE A MOMENT'S REST!
MY FEET ACHE SO, AND I AM ALSO HUNGRY!
IF WE DO NOT HURRY,
WE WILL NOT MAKE IT TO LING KE RIVER* AS SCHEDULED

TN: A ROUGH TRANSLATION THAT SUITS THE CONTEXT WOULD BE ABUNDANT HILL VILLA. TUN IS COMMONLY USED AS PART OF THE NAME FOR VILLAGES SUPPOSEDLY POPULAR BECAUSE IT ALSO MEANS TO STORE AND TO GATHER.


YOU NEEDN'T GOSSIP!
THAT IS WHERE MOMO'S APPRAISAL PREMIERE TOOK PLACE
IT WAS ABSOLUTELY GLAMOROUS AND TRULY BREATH-TAKING FOR THE ENTIRE CROWD!



BONK
All I ever wanted was to give Xiao Yuan confidence.
To say such things as such!
YOU ARE AT LEAST A LORD OF THE APPRAISAL!
I... I WAS MERELY JESTING!
LOOK, YOU TWO!

THERE HAD NOT BEEN A SINGLE SOUL IN THE STREETS
SINCE OUR ARRIVAL HERE AT THE CITY.
THE ENTIRE TOWN RESEMBLES THE CITY OF THE DEAD
LOOK.. LOOK THERE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WHAAH!
LORD FENG?
KEEP WATCH FOR ANY ABNORMALITIES.
SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED.
A PLACE WITH EATING!
THERE IS HOSTELRY!
A bloke with a mind only for food.
.....
AND SMOKE FROM THE COOKING FIRE!
YUE INN

HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
WHOEVER WOULD COME TO THIS GHOST TOWN
SISTER JIE-ER
WE HAVE GUESTS
IS THERE ANYONE?
WE WISH TO DINE!
WHY, ARE THEY REALLY
GUESTS?

MY MOST HUMBLE APOLOGIES!
IT IS ALL TO BLAME ON THE ABSENCE OF GUESTS IN SUCH A LONG WHILE
PLEASE DO NOT BE OFFENDED BY THE MODESTY OF OUR SERVICE!
THANK HEAVENS FOR YOUR FUNCTIONING BUSINESS
BUT WHY IS IT THAT THERE ARE NO OTHERS IN THIS CITY?
WELL ...
WE ALL HAVE THE BLACK EMPEROR TO THANK FOR THAT.
THE BLACK EMPEROR?

THAT WOULD BE THE CURRENT EMPEROR, HEIDI
HE MADE DISPOSAL OF HIS NIECE, BAIDI, AND PROCLAIMED HIMSELF EMPEROR
AS THE WHEREABOUTS OF BAIDI IS STILL A MYSTERY, THEY ARE IN PROGRESS OF FERRETING HIM OUT
OUR OWN YANG CITY WAS UPROOTED BY HEIDI FOR SUSPICION OF GIVING REFUGE TO THE CRIMINALS.
AND THEREIN IT IS HARDLY MUCH OF A SHOCK SHOULD NO ONE DARE TO DWELL HERE ANY LONGER.

SUPPOSEDLY, OUR REVENUES WERE SPARED OF A PALTRY SHARE PROVIDED BY TRAVELERS.
HOWEVER, THERE RUMOURED THAT HEIDI'S PRIME MINISTER LI* WILL PASS HERE
SO THERE NOT HAD BEEN A SHADOW OF A GHOST SINCE
TN: IN CHINESE LIXIONG- MUCH LIKE WESTERN TITLES E.G. SIR ELYON, IT HAS NO LITERATE TRANSLATION SAVE A LENGTHY AND NONSENSICAL ONE. I BELIEVE
THE PRIME MINISTER OF HEIDI?
HA HA! O, SIR,* YOU ARE TOO KIND!
PLEASE PAY FOR YOUR MEAL.
AN OASIS IN THE DESERT INDEED TO US TRAVELERS!
THANK GOODNESS YOU STILL KEEP THE BUSINESS IN FULL OPERATION

TN: IN CHINESE KEHUAN. A COMMONER'S HONORIFIC FOR GUESTS

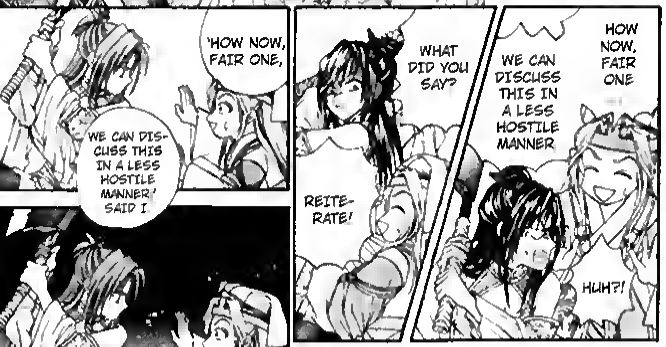
THE TOTAL AMOUNTS TO TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY TAELS OF SYCEE *
I'LL MAKE IT AN EVEN TWO HUNDRED THEN.
PUU!!
IN SUM...
YOU MUST PAY IF YOU HAVE EATEN!
TWO HUNDRED TAELS?!
Is there some sort of mistake?
A DISHONEST BUSINESS INDEED,
OR ELSE SUCH ILL-TASTING FOOD WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY ANY EVEN IF YOU OFFER BRIBES
So... a one face yet so wicked tongue
YOU...
OTHERWSIS

NOTE: TRADITIONAL CHINESE CURRENCY PIECES OF SILVER OF A CERTAIN FIXED WEIGHT NOT REVEALED IN THE STORY. THE TERM HERE IS A CONSIDERATION FOR THE COMMON MISCONCEPTION OF THE BOAT-SHAPED (YUAN BAO) SYCEE AS TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE TALE

TN: FOR CONVENIENCE, XIAO YUAN-ZI (ORIGINAL NAME) WILL BE REFERRED TO AS "ROUNDY", THE BEST ENGLISH EQUIVALENT I COULD THINK OF FOR A NAME WHICH LITERALLY TRANSLATES TO "LITTLE CIRCLE CHILD."
SWOOSH
PAY NOW!
BANG!
OR DARE NOT DREAM ABOUT WALKING OUT OF DAOYUE INN!
ROUNDY,*
NUMBER ONE!
YES!
WHAT?
BRINGING UP THIS PITIFUL PIECE, IT HARDLY EVEN SATISFIES THE QUALIFICATIONS TO OPERATE A DISHONEST BUSINESS
IT WILL BE A SIMPLE TASK TO SPLIT YOU ALL IN HALF!
BEHOLD CLEARLY!
BANG!
ROUNDY, NUMBER TWO!
YES!

SISTER JIE-ER! NUMBER THREE!
It is an axe!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
DIE, YOU!
COOK'S KNIFE, WOOD BLADE*
COULD THE NEXT ONE BE SAVE IT FOR AN AXE? FURTHER USE IN THE KITCHEN!

TN. CHINESE HATCHET


'HOW NOW, FAIR ONE,
WE CAN DISCUSS THIS IN A LESS HOSTILE MANNER,' SAID I
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
REITE-RATE!
HOW NOW, FAIR ONE
WE CAN DISCUSS THIS IN A LESS HOSTILE MANNER
HUH?!

OH, MY! HOW EMBARRASSING!
THAT TITLE HAS BEEN A STRANGER TO THE POOR MAIDEN HERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME!
YOU CERTAINLY ARE ONE WITH GOOD EYES!
Sister Jieer's weakness is too obvious
I am a fair lady
YOU NO LONGER OWE ANYTHING FOR THE FOOD
FURTHERMORE, SINCE YOU MUST BE WEARY FROM YOUR TRAVELS, THE GUESTROOMS ARE COMPLIMENTARY AT YOUR PLEASURE
IS THAT SO?
THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF UNOCCUPIED ROOMS AFTER ALL
I've had enough
IN A CHINESE SAYING
I should enter a contest compet na for title of Flower Mistress* Hee!
How can I leave my (un)natural beauty in man-made form*
DAO YUE INN

TN: IN CHINESE, THE COMPOUND WORDS "FLOWER-FRIENDS" OR "FLOWER-COMPANIONS" CAN MEAN "THE CROWNED FLOWER" OR "THE BESTTOP FLOWER," AN ADULATORY TITLE AWARDED TO PROSTITUTES WITH GREAT FAME AND WHO ARE OFTEN COURTED WITH GREAT BEAUTY. THE TITLE IS DISGUISED UNDER A MORE POSITIVE LIGHT IN THIS TALE THAN GENERALLY STUDIED.

SUCH GOOD HUMOR YOU ARE IN,
SHUI JIE-ER *
* LITERALLY TRANSLATES TO "WATER PURE CHILD"
YOU COULD NOT HAVE SO SOON FORGOTTEN,
THAT WHICH YOU HAVE PROMISED ME.
YUE LING LONG ...

OUR SOURCES HAVE GATHERED THAT PRIME MINISTER LI WILL PASS YANG CITY TOMORROW
*A "MAGICAL SEAL" A CRAFTY CONTRAPTION IN WHICH SEALS A USER'S WEAPON IN THIS TALE
THIS IS THE SIGIL* FOR YOUR WEAPON
HOWEVER, TO ENSURE EFFICIENCY OF THIS MATTER,
IT WOULD BE WISE TO GET RID OF THE GUESTS NOW LODGING IN THE INN.
NO LONGER WILL YOU NEED TO KEEP THIS PITIFUL SHACK
GO AND LEAD A JOYOUS LIFE TOGETHER WITH ROUNDY
GET RID OF THE GUESTS?
WHEN THE BUSINESS IS DONE,
I SHALL HONOR MY TERMS AND PRESENT YOU WITH TWENTY THOUSAND TAELS OF SYCEE

WHY WERE WE SCURRIED OUT?
Women are truly unfathomable
INCONCEIVABLE!
WHAT ARE WE TO DO? DOES THIS MEAN FOR US TO TAKE SHELTER IN THE STREETS?
SENIOR BROTHER!
YOUR MARTIAL HERO HIGHNESS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Tres Passiva Private Property?
STOMPS!
HAVE YOU NOT YET NOTICE?
IF TRUTH BE TOLD, THERE IS REALLY NOTHING WRONG WITH TAKING SHELTER HERE OUT ON THE STREETS ...
THE DENIZENS OF THIS CITY HAVE ALWAYS LIVED HERE BEFORE.
THEIR LEAVE IS ONLY TEMPORARY.

THE FOOD IS STILL FRESH.. THE HOUSEHOLD IS ALSO RATHER ORGANIZED
ARE THEY AVOIDING THE PRIME MINISTER JUST BECAUSE HE IS TO PASS THE CITY?
WHY ARE THEY IN HIDING IF ONLY A CIVIL SERVANT IS PASSING HERE?
FEAR TO OFFEND? OR IS IT THAT ...
THIS CITY HAS AMBUSH
WAS THERE SOMEONE WHO INTENTIONALLY EVACUATED THE LOCAL PEOPLE?
IF SO,
WAS IT DIRECTED TOWARD THAT PRIME MINISTER LI?
THEN WE SHOULD INFORM HIM STRAIGHTAWAY!

SHIFU DID NOT PASS ONTO US SUCH PRINCIPLES!
ONE IS IN DANGER, YET IS IGNORED
DO YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE CAPABLE OF SOLVING THIS PROBLEM WITH YOUR ABILITIES?
DO AS YOU PLEASE
THE MATTERS OF THE GOVERNMENT BELONG TO THAT OF THE POLITICAL
THE MARTIAL WORLD DOES NOT INTERVENE IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS
SO WE SHOULD JUST MAKE OURSELVES BLIND TO THE MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH?
REGARDLESS OF EVERYTHING,
I AM UNABLE TO DESERT THIS MATTER!
XIAO XUAN!

SISTER JIE-ER
ROUNDY?
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS HERE! HURRY AND GO BACK!
SHOOSH
AND WE WILL LIVE HAPPIER DAYS THEREAFTER!
WHEN THIS IS OVER, WE WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE A HANDSOME PAY OF SILVER
DO NOT WORRY, YOUR ELDER SISTER IS QUITE FORMIDABLE

JUST WAIT UNTIL I ...
TAKE CARE OF THAT PRIME MINISTER LI'S LIFE!
HERE COMES THE PROCESSION OF THE PRIME MINISTER.
WHAT?!
HE WILL CERTAINLY NOT LIVE ONCE HE PASSES THE CITY GATE
THIS IS ...

THIS MANY NUMBER OF IDENTICAL CARRIAGES ...
WHAT IS THIS?
HOW ARE WE TO KNOW WHERE IS THE PRIME MINISTER?

ADVANCE NO FURTHER!

THE CITY IS AMBUSHED!
YOU ALL LEAVE AT ONCE!
IS THAT... XU XUAN FROM HUA YUAN SHAN?
ISN'T HE ...
THE GUEST FROM YESTERDAY?

HO! TAKE IT UPON YOURSELF TO BAR THE PRIME MINISTER'S PATH BY YOUR WORDS ALONE?
AN IGNORANT OF LIFE AND DEATH!
HUH?
MY LORDSHIP HAS LONG PREDICTED YOUR CONSPIRACIES!
AS THE PRIME MINISTER HAD ORDERED, REGARDLESS OF WHAT MAN MAY BE,
NONE WILL BE FORGIVEN IF HE STANDS IN THE WAY OF HIS LORDSHIP!
TAKE HIM DOWN!

HALT!
IF WE COULD NO SOONER IDENTIFY THE CARRIAGE THAT HIDES THE PRIME MINISTER,
LADY LING LONG!
OUR PLANS WILL BE FOILED!

DOES ANY CORRELATION EXIST
BETWEEN THE ASSASSINATION OF THE BLACK EMPEROR'S PRIME MINISTER AND MO YUE SHAN?
XIN MOYI?
SHOULD THIS CONCERN YOU,
YOU ARE MISTAKEN.
SHOULD THE DEVIL MOON INVOLVE ITSELF IN THIS AFFAIR,
THE ENTIRE MARTIAL REALM WILL BE TAKEN ALONG WITH ITS FALL

THERE-
FORE,
OPPOSED TO WHATEVER REASONS YOU MAY HAVE,
YOU MUST BE STOPPED.

XIN MOYI
THOUGH IGNORANT YOU ARE OF EVERYTHING,
YOU STILL CHOOSE TO MAKE YOURSELF MY ENEMY?
IT IS YOU WHO CHOOSES TO BE MY ENEMY,
IF YOU DO NOT FORSAKE YOUR SCHEME

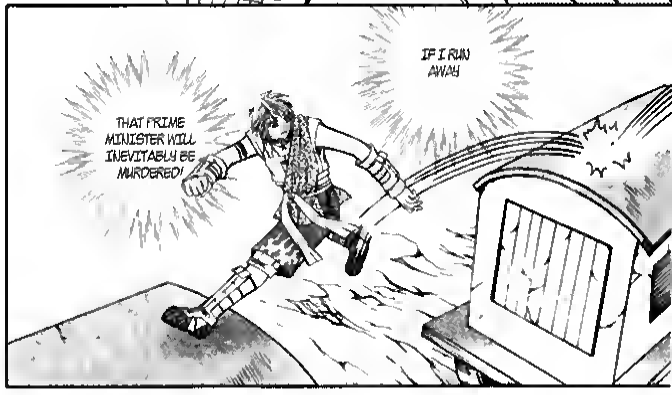
WITH THAT BEING SAID,
WE SHALL NOW SEE IF YOU CAN . .
CATCH UP WITH ME!
OUR PURPOSE WILL BE FULFILLED
ONCE WE SUCCEED IN STEALING THE LIFE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

I CANNOT
HOLD ME!
EVEN A MARTIAL TALENT SUCH AS YOU, XIN MOHI,
CLANG!
FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
SLAM!
SO TEDIOUSLY I HAVE WAITED,

WHAT OF THIS?
HOW AM I TO KNOW WHICH CARRIAGE RIDES THE PRIME MINISTER?
A RAISE IS IN ORDER!
CURSES
ADD ONE THOUSAND TAELS!
SHOO
HEAR ME, YUE LING LONG?!

ASSASSIN!
CRACK
WHERE DID THAT ARROW COME FROM?
CRACK
SCATTER THE CARRIAGES QUICKLY!
TWO THOUSAND TAELS!
THREE THOUSAND!
FOUR THOUSAND!
CRACK
CRACK
MOST WRETCHED
WHERE HIDES THAT VILLAIN?!

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
GET HIM QUICKLY!
HALT!

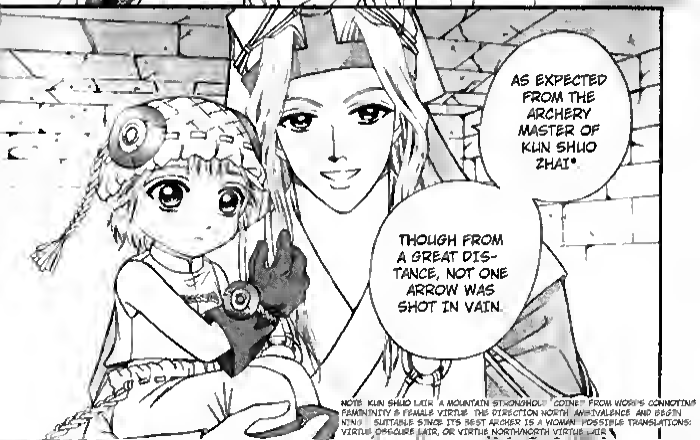

THAT PRIME MINISTER WILL INEVITABLY BE MURDERED!
IF I RUN AWAY

THUNK!
FLAP
WHO ARE YOU?

AN ASSASSIN?
THOUGH I DESIGNED A TRICK TO DECEIVE THE EYES
YOU DID NOT FAIL TO REVEAL ME
IS HE PRIME MINISTER LI?
I AM HERE TO GIVE YOU NOTICE,
THAT THERE IS AMBUSH IN YANG CITY!
I . I AM NO ASSASSIN!
SEIZE THE MOMENT BEFORE THEY MAKE ASSAY
PLEASE MAKE HASTE TO LEAVE!

HOW IS'T THAT YOU ARE KNOWLEDGE-ABLE OF MY OCCUPYING THIS VERY CARRIAGE?
BECAUSE . OF THE DIF-FERENCE IN THE SOUND
YOU HAVE ME RECOGNIZED SOLEY BY A SOUND ECHOED
FROM THE CARRIAGE THY FEET
MY YOUNG FRIEND, YOUR OBSERVATIONS ARE TRULY IM-PERVIOUS!
I WISH TO CHANCE MY FORTUNES FURTHER.
I WOULD HAVE LOST MY LIFE HAD YOU BEEN AN ASSASSIN.
EACH FALSE CARRIAGE CARRIES AN IMPOSTOR
NOT EVEN THE DRIVER IS PRIVY TO THE FACT OF MY TRUE PRESENCE INSIDE
THE CARRIAGES WILL NOT STOP TILL THEY MAKE PASSAGE OF YANG CITY.

WAH!
THAT'S THE PRECEDING CARRIAGE!



NOTE: KUN SHUO LAIR: A MOUNTAIN STRONGHOLD. "CONE" FROM WOOD'S CONNOTING FEMININITY & FEMALE VIRTUE. THE DIRECTION NORTH: AMBIVALENCE AND BEGINNING. SUITABLE SINCE ITS BEST ARCHER IS A WOMAN. POSSIBLE TRANSLATIONS: VIRTUE OBSCURE LAIR, OR VIRTUE NORTH/NORTH VIRTUE LAIR.

I ABSOLUTELY ADORE BEING WITH CHILDREN!
WELL!
ROUNDY AND I WERE MOST AGREEABLE IN OUR DISCOURSE!
ROUNDY! WHY ARE YOU WITH THAT KNAVE THERE?
AN EYE-OPENER TODAY INDEED!
MY VERY FIRST TIME AS WITNESS TO THE TRUE ABILITIES OF KUN SHUO ZHAI
SISTER JIE-ER
WAHHH!
TAKING AIM!
SO WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?
I SHOULD HAVE NEVER TAKEN YOU AND YOUR LIKES SO LIGHTLY!
S-SPARE A MOMENT HERE!
I MEAN NO HARM!

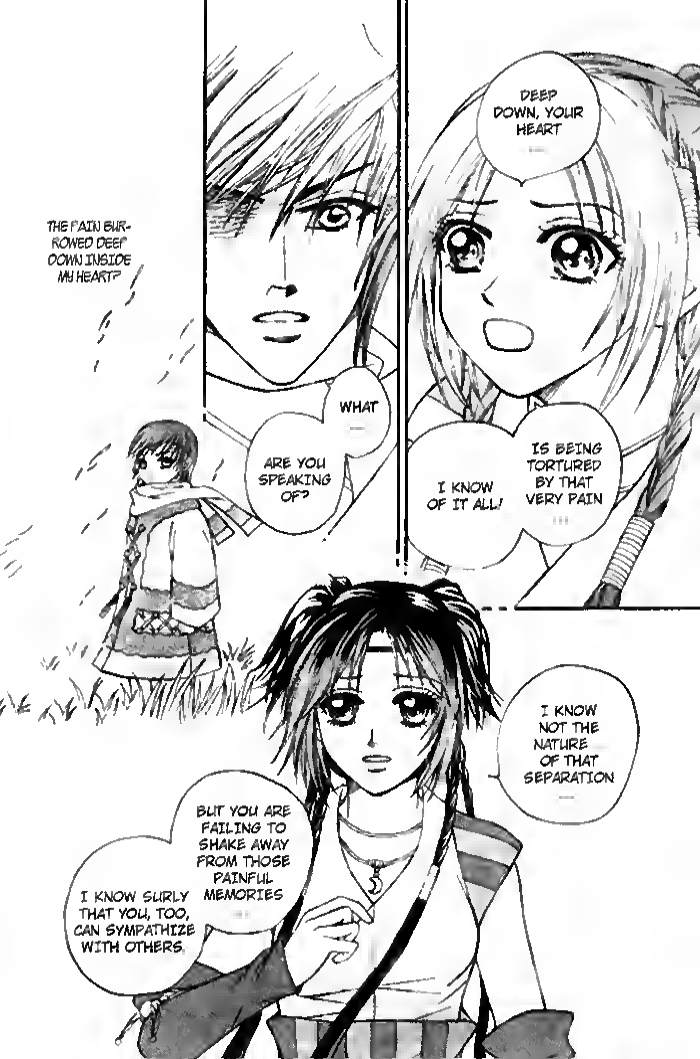
THE IN CHINESE, FENG BAN SHENG HAS A SIMILAR PRONUNCIATION WITH "CRAZY HALF-GOD." FENG BANSHEN, WHICH JIE ER MISTAKES FOR AND COUNTERS WITH A "CRAZY HALF-FAIRY." (WHICH IS TYPICALLY TAKEN AS A CHINESE CLAIRVOYANT/FORTUNE TELLER)
YOU HAVE NOT HEARD ?
WHAT FENG BAN-SHEN?
I'LL GIVE YOU A FENG BANXIAN IN-STEAD!*
THIS CAN'T BE!
?
HUMBLY YOURS, I STAND BEFORE YOU AS FENG BAN SHENG, LORD OF FEIXI VILLA
WELL, THEN, I'LL TAKE THE LIBERTY TO INTRODUCE MYSELF!
Pardon me.
THE MOST PROSPEROUS FAMILY IN THE ENTIRE WULIN?
IS THAT WHAT OUR FAMILY IS RENOWNED FOR?
DO YOU MEAN CRIM-SON CREEK VILLA OF THE CLIFF OF COOLING BREEZES?
AH!
PREVIOUSLY A MASTER ARCHER OF KUN SHUO ZHAI,
BUT WAS RE-PUDIATED OF ALL FORMER REL-TIONS BY THE LAIR LEADER DUE TO YOUR UNAN-NOUNCED LEAVE.
IT W.S UNEXPECTED TO MEET YOU HERE.
ALL IN ALL, I KNOW THAT YOU GO BY THE NAME OF SHUI JIE-ER.

A TRUE PITY
HEARD TELL THAT
SHUI JIE-ER WAS THE BEST OF KUN SHUO ZHAI IN THE DAYS OLD
HOWEVER
BOTH YOUR MIND AND HEART CAN BE BOUGHT SIMPLY BY AN OFFER OF SILVER
IT IS I, SO WHAT OF IT?
COULD YOU POSSIBLY BE THINKING OF INTERVENING IN THIS MATTER?
IF YOU CAN AFFORD MORE SYCEE THAN DEVIL MOON MOUNTAIN,
I'LL CEASE MY ASSASSINATION OF PRIME MINISTER LI
SISTER JIE-ER
TO PROCURE MORE SYCEE THAN MO YUE SHAN.
THAT IS A TASK OF NO GREAT DIFFICULTY FOR ME

END THIS FRUITLESS TANGLING, XIN MOYI!
DEVIL MOON MOUNTAIN
WHAT INTENTIONS ARE THERE TO ASSASSINATE THE PRIME MINISTER?

DO YOU NOT KNOW OF THE WORLD THAT EXISTS AT PRESENT?
BEHOLD THIS ONCE PROSPEROUS COMMON CITY
TOO CLOSELY REDUCED OVERNIGHT TO BLEAKNESS AFTER THE OVERTURN FROM HEIDI'S TERRORIZING
HOW MANY FAMILIES SHATTERED DUE TO IT
THE BLACK EMPEROR IS CRUEL BEYOND WORDS
NO MAN IS WRONGED RALLYING FOR HIS SLAY.
YOU LOFTY WULIN MEN
ARE YOU TO CONSIDER YOURSELVES UNRELATED TO THIS MATTER?
TO ENTANGLE WULIN INTO THIS WEB OF TROUBLE FOR A REASON AS PREPOSTEROUS AS THIS?
HOW INFANTILE.

OUT OF SYMPATHY FOR THOSE LOST FAMILIES
THIS CALLED FOR THE INTERVENTION OF DEVIL MOON MOUNTAIN?
INFANTILE?
CHAOS SPRUNG FROM THE PASSING-OVER OF DYNASTIES AND ERAS
HAVE NAUGHT TO DO WITH THE MARTIAL WORLD
YOU
YOURSELF HAVE PARTED WITH YOUR KINSFOLK
LIES!
HOW COULD YOU NOT SYMPATHIZE WITH THIS AGONY?


DEEP DOWN, YOUR HEART
I KNOW OF IT ALL!
IS BEING TORTURED BY THAT VERY PAIN
WHAT ARE YOU SPEAKING OF?
THE PAIN BURROWED DEEP DOWN INSIDE MY HEART?
I KNOW NOT THE NATURE OF THAT SEPARATION
BUT YOU ARE FAILING TO SHAKE AWAY FROM THOSE PAINFUL MEMORIES
I KNOW SURLY THAT YOU, TOO, CAN SYMPATHIZE WITH OTHERS.

THEREFORE SURELY YOU ARE NOT AS INDIFFERENT AS OTHERS!
LADY LING LONG!
YOU WILL CERTAINLY LEND AID TO US!
IS THAT SO?
XIN MOYI
THOUGH THIS TIME OUR ACTS HAVE FAILED ..
NEVERTHELESS, I WILL NOT GIVE UP

AND I WILL NOT GIVE UP
IN WINNING YOUR MEMBER-SHIP!
MAY WE MEET AGAIN!
SO ...
THE MOMENT THEN
WAS NOT A DREAM

I SHALL REMEMBER YOU, YOUNG FRIEND
WE ARE OUT OF THE CITY, NALIGHT SHALL STIR MORE
BE ON YOUR WAY!
WHY IS IT THAT . . THERE ARE THOSE WHO SEEK TO KILL YOU?
HOW COULD I NOT. . .
UNDERSTAND THEIR BITTERNESS?
ONCE SO PROSPEROUS A MERCHANT CITY . . .
AFTER I GAVE WORD TO SCOUR FOR BAIDI . . IT DEGENERATED TO SUCH A STATE . . .
THIS COMMON CITY . . .
IS A CITY OF MANDATORY PASSING TO THE BORDER AND BEYOND

SISTER JIE-ER
WHY DON'T WE SETTLE FOR A GOOD AND QUIET BUSINESS?
Ah-kuoh, it's a dishonest one
AWAY GO THOSE TWENTY-THOUSAND TAELS OF SILVERS!
WHY SHOULD I BE AFFECTED BY THAT FELLOW'S SPEECH?
REALLY ..
DAO YUE INN
TIEH ONCE SAID ..
SISTER'S ARROWS FLY ONLY FOR CHIVALRIC PURPOSES.
I'M STILL NOT VERY FOND OF HAVING SISTER BECOMING AN ASSASSIN FOR THE SAKE OF SILVER
THOUGH WE DO OWE OTHERS A GREAT SUM OF MONEY
AND ONLY SUCH A SISTER
IS THE MOST CELEBRATED HEROINE IN MY HEART!
ROUNDY ..
SISTER JIE-ER?
CAN YOU LEAVE SOON FOR HOME?
YOUR SISTER JIE-ER WILL GO AND GET YOU AFTER SOME TIME.
ROUNDY,

INN
WHAT OF THIS?
YOU ARE TO LEAVE WITH HIS?
AND LEFT ME LESSER OF TWENTY-THOUSAND TAELS OF SYCEE.
BECAUSE YOU RUINED MY "BUSINESS"
HOW DID YOU EVER ARRIVE TO THIS CALCULATION?
YOU SHALL RECOMPENSE ME
YOU'D BEST
SOON TO HAVE THIS MATTER TAKEN CARE OF!
MOMO
WORRY NOT! I WILL PART AS SOON AS I RECEIVE MY DUE SILVER!

WHO WAS WILLING TO PAY FOR HIS LIFE?!
IT WAS YOU YOURSELF WHO CLAIMED NEVER TO BE BOUGHT BY MONEY AGAIN!
YET YOU WERE WILLING TO PAY FOR HIS LIFE!
BUT THAT PRIME MINISTER WAS A NASTY AND CURSED KNAVE.
HOW COULD I NOT UNDERSTAND THEIR BITTERNESS?
THAT PRIME MINISTER LI
IS HE REALLY A MAN OF SUCH NATURE?
MALICIOUS
DESPICABLE
Do you think this is an outing for leisure?
Mama It's really not too terrible having a beauty to accompany us!
I pray for your kindness hereafter!

Scans
Scans
Scans
Two years and
counting...

Act 3

The City of Yang

Fantastic Tales vol 01 ch3a

Credits

Scanned by Vanity
Edited by Connie
Translated by Chocokitty
QC by Selene

Presented by Selene_scans
www.selene-scans.net
#Selene_scans@irc.highway.com

THE MASTERMIND BEHIND MY ASSASSINATION IS YET TO BE RECOVERED?
'TIS.
AN ARROW EMPLOYED BY WULIN PERSONS...?
YOUR SERVANT'S INDISCRETION IS TO BLAME
FOR ALLOWING YOUR LORDSHIP TO ENCOUNTER DANGER

SNAP!
YANG CITY HAS CONSPIRED WITH MARTIAL ROGUES WITH DESIGNS TO MAKE HARM THIS DUKE!"
'TIS SURE REASON TO THE PENALTY OF DEATH!'
LU-ER" MATTERS CONCERNING YANG CITY IS NOW OF YOUR AUTHORITY!
AY! YOUR GRACE
PRIME MINISTER LI!

NOTE:
1) ACT OF SELF-REFERRING
2) SEE LATER EXPLANATION

THUSLY SPEAKING... THIS YOUNG FRIEND ..."
WHAT? MARTIAL ARTS CONGRESS?
THAT CHILD
WHAT THOUGHTS DO OCCUPY?
WHEREFORE GIVE ME SAVE?
IS THE DELEGATE OF HUA YUAN SHAN?
NOTE: ORIGINAL CHINESE IS SUPPOSED TO BE "LITTLE BROTHER"

WOULD HUA YUAN SHAN HAVE YOU TO YOUR DEMISE?
HEY!
WE KUN SHUO ZHAI NEVER TAKE PART IN THESE MARTIAL-ARTS GATHERINGS
WE ONLY FACE TRUE FOES
HUA YUAN SHAN APPOINTED YOU TO PARTICIPATE IS MARKED PROOF OF ITS LIGHT REGARD FOR THIS MATTER
AND WHO IS KEEPING SILVER FROM YOU?
THEREFORE, WASTE NO TIME TO APPLY FOR APPRAISALS AND SUCH!
RETURN PROMPTLY TO THE VILLA TO RETURN THE SILVER YOU KEEP FROM ME!
PARTAKING IN THE PRELIMINARY CHALLENGER APPRAISAL
IS NOT TO MAKE WASTE OF TIME

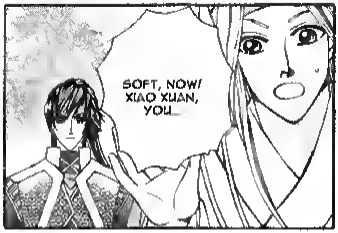
HOWEVER YOU TAKE HIM BE.
CHINESE PLAIN MOUNTAIN GIVES WORTHY REGARD TO THE FORMAL MARTIAL ARTS CONGRESS
AND WOULD NOT SEND ANYONE* TO ENTER.
HE IS TO PARTICIPATE IN EVERY SINGLE APPRAISAL.
NEITHER WILL HE BE ABSENT IN THE MARTIAL ARTS CONGRESS.
THAT IS WHAT OUR SHIFU HAD ASSIGNED.

NOTE. NOT JUST ANYONE

I UNDERSTAND!
NO MATTER WHETHER IT'D BE THE PRELIMINARY CHALLENGER APPRAISAL OR THE FORMAL MARTIAL ARTS CONGRESS,
I SHALL DO MY BEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF THEM!
SENIOR BROTHER
IS SPEAKING ON MY BEHALF?
Can you refrain from this art without good cause?
I SHALL THINK SENIOR MARTIAL BROTHER AS AN INSPIRATION!
I SHALL NOT BETRAY SENIOR MARTIAL BROTHER'S EXPECTATIONS!
I THANK SENIOR MARTIAL BROTHER FOR THE GOOD COUNSEL!
twinkle!
twinkle!

THOSE PEOPLE...
ARE THEY THE DENIZENS OF YANG CITY?
AY. HAVING THE PRIME MINISTER PASSED THE CITY, THEY ARE NOW RETURNING
BUT THE PLOT TO ASSASSINATE FAILED...
IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD TAKE REVENGE OR OTHERWISE
SISTER JIE-ER!
SISTER JIE-ER!
TROUBLE COMES CALLING!
ROUNDY!

THEY HAVE ARRESTED THE CITY'S GOVERNOR!
SISTER JIE-ER! PRIME MINISTER LI HAD PEOPLE TO COMMON CITY HERE...
DID I NOT TELL YOU TO RETURN HOME?
SHE WILL NOT ONLY KILL THE GOVERNOR BUT BURN THE COMMON CITY TOO!
PRIME MINISTER LI HAS GIVEN ORDERS... IF THE COMMON CITY DOES NOT GIVE UP THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF THE PRIME MINISTER...
THAT WOMAN-GENERAL SAID SO...
TO BURN THE COMMON CITY?
PRIME MINISTER LI HAS ORDERED
IS THAT TRUE?
CURSES! I NEED THEN TO RETURN!
DID HE NOT SAY THAT
HE COULD UNDERSTAND YANG PEOPLE'S BITTERNESS?


SOFT, NOW! XIAO XUAN, YOU...

I... I'LL JOIN YOU IN THE RETURN TO THE COMMON CITY!
XIAO XUAN?

CAN YOU NOT REASON WITH MATTERS OF IMPORT?
TAKE YOURSELF FOR IF THE TIME FOR THE APPRAISAL IS DELAYED
I UNDER-STAND!
I SHALL RETURN STRAIGHT!

XIAO XUAN!
MOMO!
O, WHY DO YOU ALL PLACE ME STILL IN SUCH DILEMMA?!

City of Yang
GOVERNOR OF YANG CITY...
NOT ONLY DID YOU FAIL TO HAIL PRIME MINISTER LI WHEN HE PASSED THE CITY...
BUT YOU ALSO BREWED TO MURDER HIS GRACE?
WELL...
SUCH KNOWLEDGE WAS ALSO NOT PRIVY TO THIS POOR MARQUIS
THE GOVERNOR WAS INDEED BY THEM DISCOVERED
IF THOU WERE ARSENT TO THE FACT,
WHEREFORE THE EARLY NEED FOR EVACUATION?

AND SHE'D BE.
HONG LU-ER *
THE PRIVATE GUARD OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S SANCTUARY* --
DWELLERS OF YANG CITY!
TARRY NOT IN OFFERING THE ASSASSIN WHO WISHED TO HURT HIS GRACE, PRIME MINISTER LI!
WHAT?! I'LL FACE YOU OFF!
FOR-BEAR!
are you to set my son in-fire?
SET THE CITY ABLAZE?
ARE THEY TO BURN DOWN OUR HOMES?
IT SHALL BE AS THE PRIME MINISTER LI'S INJUNCTION AND ANON SHALL THE CITY BE SET ABLAZE!
SHOULD THE ASSASSIN BE NOT FOUND,

NOTE
D LITERALLY, "BEAUTIFUL JADE ; THE ER CAN -E TAKEN IN THE SAME SENSE AS "WATER PURE CHILD"
2) REFERRING TO THE GUARDS OF THE OFFICIALS ' PERSONAL HALLS (COURTS) WHERE MATTERS OF JUSTICE" ARE EXECUTED
THEY ARE LIKE THE IMPERIAL GUARDS OF MINISTER COURTS.

COMMAND TO BURN THE CITY—
IS IT REALLY PRIME MINISTER LI'S ORDER?
YANG CITY GOVERNOR
YOU SHOULD KNOW INTIMATELY YOUR OFFENCES
IT CONDEMNS YOU TO THE LONELY, DEATH-AIMED ROAD!
SHOOT!
KNOW YOUR FATE!
UFUFU
HOLD THY HAND!

I AM...
THE MAIN ARCHITECT OF PRIME MINISTER LI'S ASSASSINATION
YUE LING LONG?
TO WHICH THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMON CITY IS IRRELEVANT
EVERYTHING IS OF MY MANIPULATIONS ALONE
YOU... ARE THE MASTERMIND?
RELEASE THE GOVERNOR ANON!
DO NOT DISTURB THE INNOCENT

I ALONE AM INSUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE THIS
NATURALLY. NO
I HAVE OTHER HANDS IN PART.
DARE I CHARGE A WEE GIRL LIKE YOU TO DEVISE IT?
CONSPIRACY OF THIS ELEMENT...
HRR...
YUE LING LONG! YOU...!
THAT IS THEM.
SFX: CLANG!

YUE LING LONG!
IT'S NO MATTER SHOULD YOU YOURSELF BE WANTING TO CONFESS GUILT!
WHY NEED YOU DRAG ALONG INNOCENT BYSTANDERS?!
THE INNOCENT ARE US REALLY...
So innocent...
BUT..
YOU ARE THE ASSASSIN I ASSIGNED TO SERVICE!
HOW ARE YOU AN INNOCENT?
YOU KNEW FULLY WELL THAT BESIDES THE COMMON CITY
MANY CITIES WERE ALSO RIFLED BY WORD OF THE PRIME MINISTER
WE HAD FINALLY AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE HIM

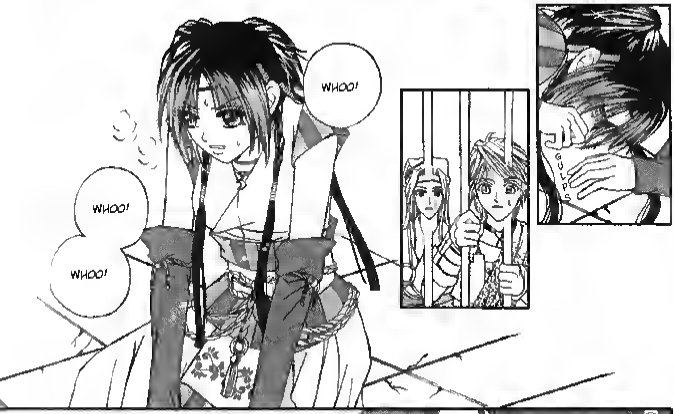
I SIMPLY DID NOT WISH TO BE MANIPULATED BY MONEY! DON'T YOU DARE HOLD ME GUILTY OF EVERYTHING!
THIS IS ALL FOR YOUR ALTERED PROMISE
I DO NOT UNDER-STAND... YOUR ACTS
WHAT HAS THAT PRIME MINISTER LI DONE...
DUE TO YOUR SUDDEN REGRET
PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD WILL FURTHER SUFFER...
SHUI JIE-ER!
TO PROVOKE YOUR ASSASSINATION OF HIM?

PRIME MINISTER LI WAS A CASTRATED OFFICIAL.DOM* SIC DURING THE REIGN OF THE WHITE EMPEROR
IT WAS HE THEN, AN INTELLIGENT PARTY TO THE ADVANTAGES OF THE BLACK EMPEROR THAT CAUSED ULTIMATELY THE CRACK IN THE CAPITAL'S GUARD
AFTERWARDS THE FIVE SOVEREIGN LORDS OF THE MIDDLE PLAIN* WERE ALL SENTENCED TO THEIR DEMISE THE SAWNED CITIES* TOO DEVASTATED
THE DEATH OF EACH CITY ECHOES THE PERISHING OF TENS AND THOUSANDS INNUMERABLE
ALL OF WHICH WERE WILLED BY THAT PRIME MINISTER

NOTE
1) BASICALLY, AN EUNUCH (LOWLY SERVANT) OF THE EMPEROR
2) CHINESE LAND, OR PERHAPS A PROVINCE IN ANCIENT TIMES. BUT I BELIEVE IT'S THE FORMER. NOW KNOWN AS ZHONG ZHOU.
3) FORTIFIED CITIES

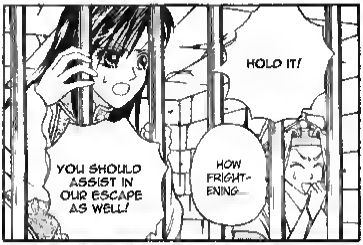
WE ARE NOT ALONE...
THERE ARE FLIES OF THOSE THAT DESIRE HIS ELIMINATION.
PRIME MINISTER LI...
IS A MAN OF SUCH KIND...
IN BRIEF, A SOJOURN HERE IS PERCHANCE A ROAD LEADING TO THE UNDERWORLD
IT'D BE BEST TO LEAVE HERE.
THIS, HERE, IS A CELL OF IRON! HOW WILL MANAGE YOU AN ESCAPE?
THE BARS OF IRON HAVE SPACE 'TWIST FOUR INCH UNITS...
IT'LL DO
SHU ALLOWS

HOOSH!
HOOSH!
URRGH.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SHE WENT WENT ACROSS?
SFX: COLLAPSES



NEVERTHELESS, IT C N ASSIST ME IN CROSSING THE CELL BARS.
MO YUE SHAN'S DEADLY POISON... BONE ROTTER"...
CAPABLE OF TENDERIZING THE HUM N SKELETON... TO RENDER ONE COMPLETELY DIS, UBLED.

NOTE: FULL TRANSLATION: 'BONE ROTTING MEDICINE.'


HOLD IT!
HOW FRIGHTENING...
YOU SHOULD ASSIST IN OUR ESCAPE AS WELL!

OH? I CAN GIVE YOU ONE ROTTER.
BUT THE CURE WILL NOT BE OFFERED ALONG.
MAY YOU REMAIN A MOUND OF DOUGH FOR ETERNITY!

ALL'S WELL IF THE CURE IS TAKEN AT ONCE
OUR MEN ARE ALREADY WAITING TO RECEIVE OUTSIDE...
SO DO PARDON MY LEAVING PRESENT COMPANY.

FAREWELL SHUI JIE-ER!
YOU DAMNABLE GIRL!

O YES!
YOU CAN REG FROM HIM TWENTY-THOUSAND SILVER TAELS!

YUE LING LONG!
YOU SPARED PRIME MINISTER LI'S LIFE. HE SHOULD THANK YOU WELL

NOW, NOW
TROUBLE STIRS!
AT SUIT OF THE PAST THOSE WHO ATTEMPT HARM TO THE PRIME MINISTER OR THE BLACK EMPEROR...
WILL BE DISMEMBERED COMPLETE FROM THE TRUNK, POKED BLIND AND BE BLED DRY...
YOU SAY?
HOW COULD THIS FADGE?
I NEVER HAVE TAKEN THOSE TWENTY-THOUSAND TAELS OF SYCEE! WHY MUST I DIE SO?!
FRET NOT!
XIN MOYI WILL COME TO OUR RELIEF
XIN MOYI?
SENIOR BROTHER?
YES!
YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT WE STILL HAVE XIN MOYI!

INDUBITABLY SURLY SHALL COME SAVE US.
THE PRIME MINISTER HAS GIVEN ORDERS TO BURN THE CITY!
LET US ALL HURRY!
YOU BOTH SHOULD PUT YOUR FAITH IN MOMO!
I BELIEVE HE...

THERE WAS ONE MAID MORE!
HOW DID SHE VANISH?!
WHAT'S THIS? THE CAPTIVES ARE ONE SHORT!
SHE LEFT THROUGH HERE
WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO FOOL?
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY HOLD THEM AT FAULT FOR BEING DISTRUSTFUL...
AN AVERAGE* MAN C IN NEVER DO...
AND DO SAY WHO IS!
YOU CROWD OF USELESS LOUTS!
TO PERMIT THAT WEE GIRL SO EASY A BREAK!
NOTE: NORM

IF MADAM IMPERIAL GUARD HONG WISHES TO PIN BLAMES, THERE YOU SHALL EXPECT ASSURED DEATH!
WASTE NO TIME TO GO AFTER THE ESCAPED CONVICT!
.....
DO WAIT!
IF NOW DEATH IS UNWISHED FOR...
FREE US AT ONCE!

SFX PIYA!

Fantastic Tales vol 01 ch36

Credits

Scanned by Vanity
Edited by Connie
Translated by Chocokitty
QC by Selene

Presented by Selene_scans
www.selene-scans.net
#Selene_scans@irc.highway.com

FELLOWS COME!
YOU THREESOME DARED TO KEEP WEAPONS IN PRIVATE
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SO THREATEN ME?
YOU WERE TOO RECKLESS!
WHY DID IT BECOME SO?
AS MADAM GUARD HONG DID COMMAND, SHOULD THE PRISONER REVOLT KILL WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION!
LET FLY THE ARROWS!
WAH!
SFX: SHOO! SHOO! SHOO!

SFX: CLANG! CLANG! CLANG! CLANG!
XIAO XUAN! EXCELLENT WORK!
YOU

THIS IS ALL BY THE HANDS OF THAT YUE LING LONG!
Soshrewed maid!
HERE WE STAND NOW IN ASSURED LOSS

IN END...
OUR WEAPONS ARE ALL CONFISCATED...
The few can not counter the many...

ALL WILL BE WELL
LET US HAVE PATIENCE AND WAIT FOR XIN MOYI TO COME TO OUR AID!
I TRUST THAT MOMO SHOULD BE ALREADY HERE

IN THE TERMS OF THE TOP DISCIPLE OF CHINESE PLAIN MOUNTAIN XIN MOU!
DESPITE HOW MANY MAN-BARRIERS MAY BE
IT IS AS IF ENTERING A MANLESS SPACE
SFX SWOOSH!

SFX CLANK!
SFX BANG!
HE AND I ARE LINKED BY THE HEART.
CERTAINLY HE SHALL COME SAVE US
PERHAPS YOUR CONFIDENCE IS OVERRATED
ARE YOU REALLY ONE OF SUCH IMPORT TO HIM?

NATURALLY! I AM ONE MOST WORTHY TO MOMO!
BEHOLD! THE SIGIL FOR HIS WEAPON IS WITH ME HERE!
AS THE MASTER OF THE APPRAISAL IT IS ABSOLUTELY A RIGHT TO EXAMINE YOUR WEAPONS!
LORD FENG! HOW DID YOU COME TO WITH SENIOR BROTHER'S WEAPON?!
IS THIS WHAT YOUR FAITH IS BUILT ON?
HOLD IT—
YOU'LL HAVE HIM COME SAVE US WITH FISTS BARE?
IN REALITY
I SHALL MURDER THAT KNAVE!
YOU'RE NOT SURFACES MOMO
I MADE PLANS TO PRESENT IT TO HIM ON HIS DAY OF BIRTH
I HAD A SIGIL TAILORED AFTER THE SAME FASHION TO "EXCHANGE" WITH HIM
HE WOULD BE MOST AFFECTED WHEN IT COMES TO HIS KNOWLEDGE
I SENSE TROUBLES AHEAD—
THIS CAN'T BE

EVEN WITHOUT WEAPONS,
MOYI SHIXIONG IS THE STRONGEST YET.
O, BY HEAVENS! OUR DEATH IS FIXED!
I HAVE FAITH IN SENIOR BROTHER!
THAT THOUGHT NEVER DID CROSS MY MIND...
SFX: BANG!

NOTE: SEE CHAPTER 2

SENIOR BROTHER'S WORDS DO RING TRUE...
I HAVE ALREADY CAUGHT LORD FENG IN MY TROUBLES...
IT WAS I WHO DESIRED TO RETURN TO THE COMMON CITY...
I CANNOT HAVE SENIOR BROTHER TOO...
UNTANGLE YOURSELF OF THE VINES...
WITH WHICH YOU HAVE FIRST ENTANGLED YOURSELF!
YOU I DID FOREWARN
O, HEARTLESS! MOMO!
YOU COULDN'T WITHHOLD FROM HIM THE SIGIL UNTIL AFTER HE HAD FREED US?!
YOU FOOL!

SO WHY NOT SAVE THEM.
NOW THAT YOU HAVE RETURNED TO THIS PLACE
XIN MOY!?
ARE THEY NOT YOUR FRIENDS?
ARE YOU TO REMAIN UNAFFECTED TO THEIR DYING?
THEY ARE NOT MY FRIENDS
THERE IS WARRANT NONE FOR MY INVOLVEMENT

FOR I WISH TO KNOW...
WHETHER YOU ARE TRULY SO INDIFFERENT TO CARE!
I BELIEVE THEY ARE SNARED BY WAY OF YOUR INCRIMINATING PLOT
WHEREFORE TAKING INTEREST IN MY SAVING THEM OR NO?
DO NOT THE PERSONS OF WULIN— IN PRESENCE OF PARLOUS EVENTS
LEND AID TO EVEN THE STRANGE*?
YET LEST IN FEAR OF EMBROILING YOURSELF YOU'LL BE PARSIMONIOUS WITH YOUR ATTENTION?
YOU DO NOT WORTH THE TITLE OF A CHIVALROUS HERO!

NOTE STRANGER

DUE TO YOUR ASSASSINATION PROJECT
THE INHABITANTS OF THE COMMON CITY ARE TO LOSE THEIR HOMELAND AND CITY *
YOU STILL BELIEVE IT'S FOR THEIR SALVATION?
A CHIVALROUS HERO IS BY WHAT DEFINED?
TO BE LIKE YOU, IS THAT IT?
A CHILDISH CONDUCT
WILL ONLY SPREAD TROUBLE TO MANY OTHERS

NOTE. FORTIFIED CITY

SO SUITED THAT...
SHOULD I BE ENDANGERED...
YOU WOULD ALSO RESERVE HELP?

PUSH ME NOT!
CAN YOU NOT TEND THE LADY WITH MORE DELICATE MANNER?
LORD MINISTER LI,
THEY BE THE CONVICTS WITH THE MOST MURDEROUS SUSPICIONS
IT WAS THEM...
WHO WISHED TO HAVE ME MURDERED?
IT'S PRIME MINISTER LI!
YOU
ARE THAT YOUNG FRIEND ARE YOU NOT?
XIAO XUAN?
SO YOU ARE INCLINED TO THEM

DID YOU NOT SAY THAT YOU COULD UNDERSTAND THE BITTERNESS PEOPLE OF YANG CITY HAVE FOR YOU?
WHY, THEN, THE ORDER TO BURN THE CITY?
...THEIR BITTERNESS IF NOT TAKEN BY THE ROOTS, WILL NEVER FADE
I ONLY KNOW THEIR BITTERNESS FOR ME TOO WELL...
TO OBLITERATE THIS CITY
HOW COULD IT BE SO
YOU MISTOOK MY MEANING *
NOTE: INTENTIONS
TO THINK THAT OF ALL I WAS...
SO CLOSELY BY YOU HOODWINKED!

XIAO XUAN! CUT WITH HIM SUCH FRUITLESS CONVERSE!
THE ARROWS OF ASSASSINATION ARE ALL OF MY DOING!
IT HAS NO EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COMMON CITY NOR WITH THE TWO.
I MYSELF ALONE AM ENOUGH TO DISPOSE OF HOWEVER YOU PLEASE! RELEASE THEM AT ONCE!
SHUI JIE-ER.
I GIVE YOU BRAVERY.
BUT TO LEAVE NONE OF THE LIKE* UNATTENDED IS MY WONT.

NOTE IN THE SAME LEAGUE

LU-ER!
HAVE THESE PRISONERS GUILTY OF TREASON...
ALTOGETHER EXECUTED!

I HAVE EXCUSE NONE...
TO GO TO YOUR AID
YOUR OFFICE CONCERNS ME NOT.
NO EXCUSE..

HOW WILL YOU HAVE A STRANGER OF YOUR BUSINESS JOIN YOU?
WITH FORCE BY POISON?
OR WITH SEDUCTION THAT RINGS THE BELL OF BOUNTY AS YOU DID SHUI JIE-ER?
NONE IS OF ANY USE TO ME
YOU ARE NOT THREATENED BY POISON, NOR ARE YOU MOVED BY SILVER
THERE EXISTS ULTIMATELY NO JUSTIFICATION FOR YOU TO LEAVE HUA YUAN SHAN TO ALLY YOURSELF WITH US
YOU MAY EVEN THINK CHILDISH OUR EMPLOY-MENT
YOU SPEAK THE TRUTH XIN MOYI

FOR, TOWARD YOU, I
BUT I DO HAVE CAUSE.
FOR YOU TO JOIN US!

FOR... FOR YOU ARE THE STELLAR OF CHINESE PLAIN MOUNTAIN!
SO MARKS THE NEED TO COLLECT YOU...
I...
XIN MOY!...
THAT SHALL BE IN VAIN!
PLEASE YOU TO GO TO ANOTHER MORE WORTHY!

TOO MUCH TIME HAS BEEN SPOILED UPON XIN MOY!
LADY LING LONG!
WE NEED IN HASTE RETURN TO MO YUE SHAN.
THE PRESENT IS TOO PERILOUS.
GIVE HIM UP!
GIVE HIM UP...
PERCHANCE IT IS SO.
WE ARE SHORT OF REASONS TO COURT HIS AID
TO HIM.
NOR AM I A REASON.

LADY LING LONG!
TO ALLOW CRIMINALS TO FREELY SAUNTER IN THE CITY STREETS.
WHAT OTHER BUSINESS HAS LU-ER BEEN TENDING TO?

THIS MAN...
TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT VOLUME